

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on April 8, 2015 at 2:10 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
CJ Johnson, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

**Opening:**

00:00:00 Chair Essmann

**Discussion:**

00:00:03 Rep. Knudsen  
00:03:04 Rep. Hunter  
00:04:22 Rep. Knudsen  
00:06:59 Rep. Wittich  
00:10:06 Rep. Woods  
00:11:01 Rep. Hunter  
00:12:38 Rep. Eck  
00:13:04 Rep. Miller  
00:13:12 Rep. MacDonald

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

00:14:02 **Motion:** Rep. Williams moved **TO REJECT THE SPEAKER'S INTERPRETATION.**

**Discussion:**

00:14:31 Rep. Williams

**00:14:46** **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Randall made a substitute motion **TO UPHOLD THE SPEAKER'S RULING FROM THE 4/8/15 AFTERNOON SESSION.**

**Discussion:**

00:15:09 Rep. Wittich

00:16:09 **Motion:** Motion carried 10-6 by roll call vote **TO UPHOLD THE SPEAKER'S RULING**, with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Hunter, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Williams and Rep. Woods voting no.

**Closing:**

00:17:22 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:30 P.M.

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CJ Johnson, Secretary

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